

Introduced by Senator Migden

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 131—Relative to the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.

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SCR 131, as introduced, Migden. California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.

This measure would urge the State Air Resources Board to satisfy the requirement of the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 for the best available economic analysis by ensuring that its analysis of the emission reduction measures proposed in the draft scoping plan includes certain elements.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, The State of California is leading the nation in
2 developing a carbon emission reduction program pursuant to the
3 California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32 of the
4 2005–06 Regular Session), a statute designed to reduce greenhouse
5 gas emissions in the state by 30% by 2020, encourage new
6 technology and environmental innovation, and create high quality
7 jobs that will support California's families; and
8 WHEREAS, It is the intent of the Legislature that the State Air
9 Resources Board design emissions reduction measures to meet
10 statewide emissions limits for greenhouse gases established
11 pursuant to the act in a manner that minimizes costs and maximizes
12 benefits for California's economy; and

1 WHEREAS, The economic well-being of the state is closely
2 aligned with the well-being of the workforce and the employment
3 opportunities available to California’s workers; and

4 WHEREAS, Fifty thousand manufacturing jobs were lost in
5 California in the past year and more than 442,000 manufacturing
6 jobs have been lost since 2000; and

7 WHEREAS, Retaining and creating good jobs with middle-class
8 wages and benefits should be an essential element of the
9 implementation of the act; and

10 WHEREAS, The draft scoping plan for the act acknowledges
11 that certain job sectors will experience a reduction in workforce
12 and, therefore, will create hardship for the workers currently
13 employed in those industries; and

14 WHEREAS, The implementation of the act may increase
15 California’s demand for new, advanced, and “green” technologies,
16 but California may not enjoy a comparative advantage in the
17 production of those technologies; and

18 WHEREAS, The state has the economic and societal
19 responsibility to ensure that an adequate workforce exists to meet
20 the needs of the emerging “green economy;” and

21 WHEREAS, The state has the responsibility to ensure that
22 training for displaced workers will be part of the overall plan for
23 retooling the California economy; and

24 WHEREAS, The act requires the State Air Resources Board to
25 adopt, by January 1, 2009, a scoping plan on how to achieve the
26 measure’s emission reduction goals; now, therefore, be it

27 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
28 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of California joins
29 California’s workers and their families in urging the State Air
30 Resources Board to satisfy the requirement of the California Global
31 Warming Solutions Act of 2006 for the best available economic
32 analysis by ensuring that the board’s analysis of the emission
33 reduction measures as proposed in the draft scoping plan includes
34 all of the following:

35 (a) An analysis of the projected employment impacts of the
36 proposed measures by sector in the years leading up to 2020 and
37 beyond, in particular, the potential for “green collar” jobs to be
38 located in California or outside of California.

39 (b) For the jobs that will be created in California, an
40 identification of the types of jobs, the industry sectors where the

1 jobs will be created, and the wage and benefit levels expected for
2 those workers.

3 (c) For the jobs that may be lost in California, an identification
4 of the types of jobs and the industry sectors where the jobs may
5 be lost.

6 (d) A plan for providing California workers a training program
7 for new “green technology” jobs that are different from the
8 traditional jobs in energy, transportation, and construction, and be
9 it further,

10 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
11 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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